

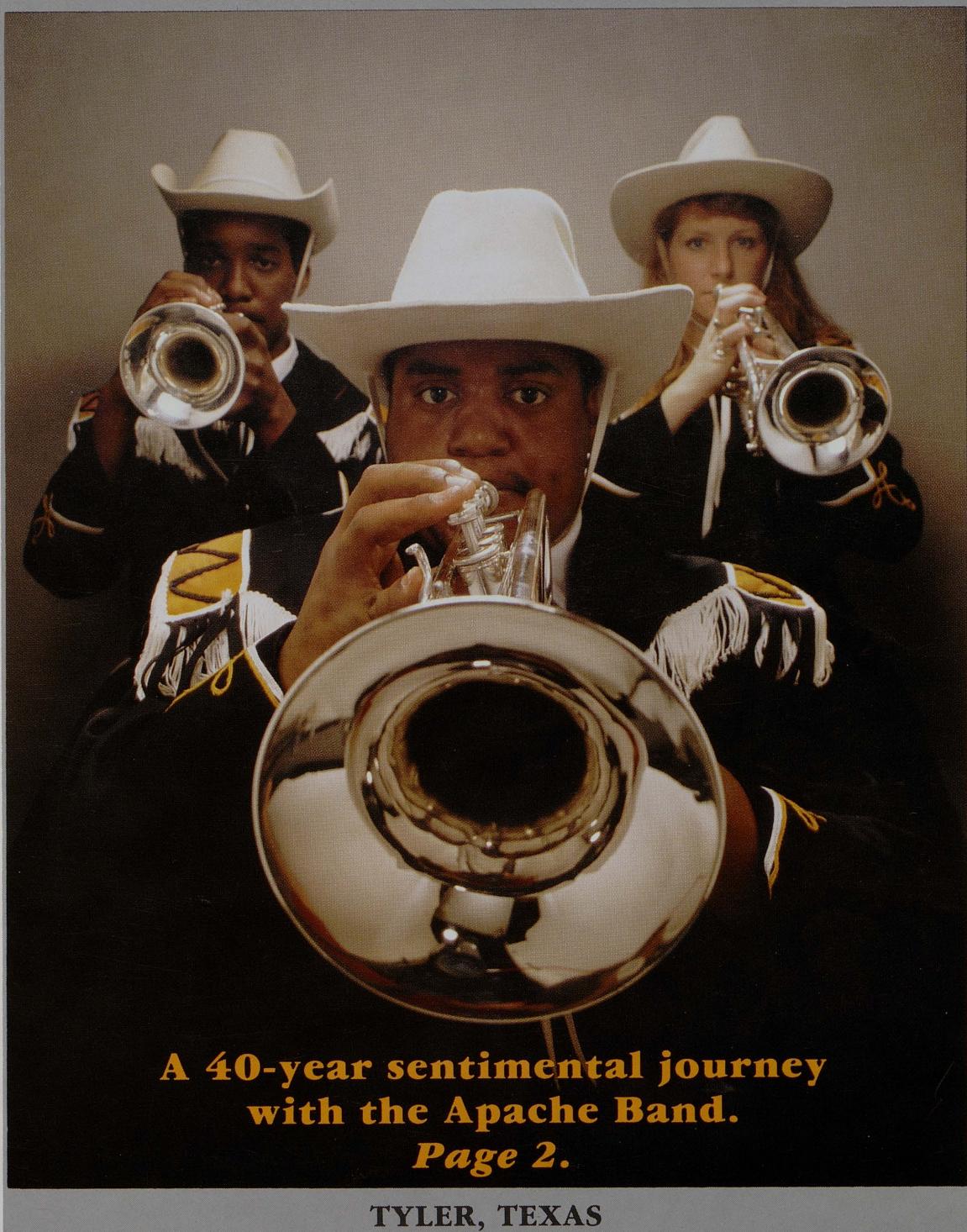
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# *And the beat goes on...*

## 40 years of Apache Band pizzazz

*By Randy Mallory*

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If Shakespeare was right that "all the world's a stage . . ." then the last 40 years' run of *The Life and Times of Tyler, Texas* has played to the tune of a home-grown, world-famous "house" band: The Tyler Junior College Apache Band.

Since it began showcasing the renowned Apache Belles in 1947, the Apache Band has belted out a special kind of excitement at hundreds of major events in the city and area. And, increasingly, Tyler became known, not only as America's Rose Capital, but as home to the Apache Band and Apache Belles.

Year after year, there were parades and performances coast-to-coast and beyond, halftime shows seen nationwide on network television and countless



appearances at national conventions and special events. Through it all, the splashy, flashy, jazzy sounds and colorful style of the Apache Band helped put Tyler and East Texas on the map.

Yet, the impact on the student/players themselves has been just as meaningful. For the hundreds of young musicians who have been through the band program, being part of the Apache Band experience has left indelible imprints on their lives. Many have gone on to impressive careers in music — some to school bands of their own and a few, like Academy Award-winning songwriter Will Jennings, to the height of the music world. Others remember their Band days mainly as lots of fun. Some first met their spouses in the Band and a number even have seen their own kids march in

the Apache Band — second generation players carrying on a Tyler tradition.

And it's no wonder! Take promising young musicians from high school, train them and put them in the spotlight before tens of thousands in the largest stadiums in the land. Give them the chance for travel, experiencing interesting places and meeting famous people — including sports and entertainment stars, governors and presidents. The result is eye-opening adventure at its momentous best — the thrill of a lifetime. The attraction for students, then as now, has proved irresistible.

As current Apache Band director, Gary Jordan, explains, "Band music is a performing art, so it's a great honor that the Apache Band and Belles make such a great combination to make so many

performances possible . . . In my first year at TJC, we did more performances before more people than I had done as a band member in all my four years in college."

But also, then as now, the price for such high adventure is paid in long hours of hard work. As Apache Band director from 1949 to 1972, Edwin "Pinky" Fowler set the tone for the group from the first downbeat: "Work real hard, but have lots of fun."

The Apache Band was formed in the late 1940's as the musical accompaniment to the Apache Belles. Both groups brought a new sense of spirit to TJC and Tyler. But, in some ways, the Band grew out of years of musical dedication by its first director and founder, the legendary J.F. "Doc" Witt. A former coronet



player with the famed John Phillip Sousa Band, Witt had started the Tyler Municipal Band in 1908 — during its several decades considered the oldest municipal band in the U.S.

Witt also organized the Tyler High School band program. When Fowler came to TJC in 1949 as assistant to an ailing Witt, he soon realized Bandmaster Witt had set the stage for growth. Remembers Fowler: "Witt showed them (the students) how to love the music."

In the years to follow, the Band moved away from its traditional military-style marching roots to the more modern brassy, jazz-oriented style that would become its trademark.

Dressed smartly in sophisticated black and gold uniforms designed originally by

Mrs. Mildred Stringer, founder of the Belles, the Band brought a special energy to campus. Pep rallies and football games thrived to the strains of TJC's rousing fight song, *Song of the Vagabond*.

The Band was there in 1951 when TJC's football team beat Kilgore Junior College before 17,000 fans, the largest crowd ever to see a Texas junior college game at the time. The group then followed the team to Pasadena, California (by bus) to the Junior Rose Bowl — and again in 1960.

The Band also has provided the upbeat musical background for fall and spring rites of passage — homecoming and commencement — not to mention dedications celebrating the growth of

TJC over the last four decades.

But the Apache Band remained more than TJC's band. It was the Tyler area's band. And it was to the pizzazz of the Band and Belles that the city turned time and again when rolling out the red carpet for visiting dignitaries and when observing community milestones. The Band played on when notables came to town — like Hollywood producer Cecil B. De Mille, World War II flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker, inspirationalist Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and movie stars Bob Hope, Keenan Wynne and Hugh O'Brien. And when prominent politicians arrived, including senators, governors and even President Gerald Ford (the first presidential visit to Tyler), the Band blasted out a hearty "howdy."

The Band also added pomp to the circumstance of major business openings in Tyler — like General Electric (now Trane) and Levi-Strauss, among many others — not to mention dedications of city expansion, such as the renovated downtown plaza and the building of Harvey Hall. Then, too, were the "regulars" — annual crowd-pleasing shows at the East Texas Fair, Christmas and Rose Festival parades and the city Fourth of July blowout.

Add to that countless luncheon, banquet and area school appearances. There have been a few offbeat local performances. Take the time a prominent cattleman bought a prized new acquisition and put him on display on the mezzanine at Tyler's once-famous Blackstone Hotel. So, as then-Director Fowler recalls, "We went down and played for the bull."

As the Band's popularity grew, so did its size — from the original 19 or so members to some 140 at its peak. And, more and more, the Band and Belles provided a musical dance one-two punch for functions across the state and nation — a dynamic combo that brought them the reputation as the Tyler area's greatest ambassadors of goodwill. TJC's calling card could have read: "Have Band — Will Travel."

With the cartoonish smiling face of an Indian on their jackets and big bass drum (a face created by TJC student and later famous cartoonist Billy Bob Bates), the Band spread goodwill further and wider.

It played at the grand opening of the Astrodome, Texas Stadium and Republic National Bank in Dallas. It was the official band in Austin at the 1955 inauguration of Governor Allan Shivers. The Band and Belles entertained delegates to three national trade and veterans conventions in Texas and Wisconsin. It spent a week dazzling Coloradans at their state fair in Pueblo. And every year the groups performed at the fabled Texas State Fair, as well as marching virtually every New Year's Day in the Cotton Bowl Parade.

On such occasions, the Band shared the stage with some of the entertainment world's greats: Liberace, Roger Williams, George Gobel, Red Skelton, Anita Bryant, Meredith Wilson, Carol Channing, Ella Fitzgerald, Al Hirt and others.

In their travels the Band and Belles performed for six presidents (Eisenhower, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan), and appeared in the nation's capitol at the Cherry Blossom Festival and the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial festivities.

But nothing has brought the goodwill ambassadors from TJC more headlines and rave reviews than their razzle-dazzle Broadway-style halftime shows before adoring football audiences. Thousands watched in person at stadiums across the U.S., with millions more watching on network TV . . . and, through Armed Forces TV, even abroad.

From 1950 until the present, the Band has made untold major bowl and professional game appearances — perhaps 100 or more — a steady stream of invitations to perform at the Cotton Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl, Gator Bowl, Oil Bowl, Senior Bowl and Blue-Gray Bowl.

Though the Band and Belles had performed during pro games of the Old Dallas Texans (now the Kansas City Chiefs) and pre-season charity games, their broadest national exposure came from their long-standing friendship with "America's Team," the Dallas Cowboys.

In the early 1960's the fledgling Cowboys and the still-youthful National Football League wanted glamorous halftime shows to add excitement and jazz up televised coverage. The search for flair was close to home: TJC's unique

Band/Belles combination.

The groups followed the Cowboys to stadiums and domes across the U.S. They became a semi-permanent fixture at Texas Stadium in Irving. The national exposure would be unprecedented for a junior college band and drill team, setting a record in 1966-67 by performing three times on national TV within 20 days.

Over the years, the Band also kicked off the season opener for the Houston Astros baseball team and, more recently, the Houston Oilers football and Dallas Mavericks basketball games. The Band/Belles also traveled to Mexico City four times for major sporting events there.

With the travels have come experiences of a lifetime.

Since many of the Cowboys games have been late-season, playoff games — including two Super Bowls — cold was no stranger to the marching Apaches.

Jack Smith, who followed Fowler as director from 1972 to 1985, recalls one Texas-style "Blue Norther" that blew through Denver's Mile High Stadium the day the Band was on hand for a Cowboys game. For the pregame show the Band performed in pleasant 70-degree weather. By the halftime show, the temperature had plummeted to 36. The Band gave its postgame show in the snow.

The coldest performance, however, came in 1968 in Yankee Stadium on the Band's first visit to the Big Apple. To pull off "The Western," one of the Band's all-time favorite routines, Director Fowler told the students to "blow real full" in the gusty 5-degree weather. The performance began full but got weaker and weaker. Fowler realized the valves of the wind instruments were freezing up in the cold. Only keeping their hand warmers wrapped on the horns' chambers allowed the Band to complete its performance.

Pro game shows afforded TJC student/musicians the enviable chance to see their gridiron heroes face to face. Perhaps the most "up-close-and-personal" encounter came in 1967 in Washington, D.C. at the end of a cliff-hanger between Dallas and the Redskins. With 10 seconds to go, receiver Dan Reeves caught a Don Meredith pass to win the game, landing in the open arms

of bandsman Bill Large near the end zone. Reeves told the student, "We Texans will show them," which prompted Large and the rest of the Apache Band to do just the same during the postgame show.

On that same trip, Lady Bird Johnson welcomed the Band to the White House. The group also made a meaningful stop at the grave of John F. Kennedy whose tragic death was still fresh on the nation's mind.

In 1976 another presidential encounter impressed not only the students but their leader. "I was most impressed with President Ford when he came to Tyler," notes former Director Smith. "We met him in the hotel at a small gathering and when he saw us he came straight through the security line direct to the kids."

Throughout their extensive travels, the Band and Belles have never faced major problems, though they were once at the edge of a tense international incident. The groups were in Mexico City in 1968 to perform at what was billed as the first pro football game ever held outside the U.S. Just before the game, student riots broke out. The game was cancelled. While TJC students and chaperones were never in danger, remembers Fowler, they laid low until the situation calmed down. The Tylerites also had some explaining to do to touchy Mexican customs officials flustered by the toy cap pistols found in students' luggage as part of their western routine.

On another occasion bandsmen were delighted to be caught in a tight situation of a much different kind. In Dallas to perform for the National Home-builders Convention, the Band/Belles had to share limited dressing room space with big name stars. One star was upset by the cramped conditions. But when convention organizers rushed to console comedian Red Skelton, they found him, feet propped up on the dressing table, telling jokes to TJC Band members gathered around. Asked if he wanted a private room, Skelton replied, "Of course not. I just love these kids!"

The privilege of such experiences has not come without sacrifice. Long hours of practice learning instrumental arrangements and routines, sometimes as many as four shows at once. Late-night

bus and plane rides back to Tyler from all parts of the nation, getting in often in the wee hours of the morning only to face 8 a.m. classes. Christmas and New Year's holidays spent away from home.

Was it all worth it? Ask those Band members who fondly recall spirited all-night domino tournaments with the "King" (Director Fowler), played out atop suitcases stacked up and down the aisles of Tyler-bound buses. Ask those Band members who spent Christmas one year in Denver after a Cowboys game, exchanging presents brought from home. Gathered together in front of a large picture window in the hotel, the TJC students sang Christmas carols as they watched the snow drift down from the Rockies in the distance. Ask the students who saw the grateful eyes of the servicemen and women they entertained at military bases and veterans' hospitals.

"Every trip we went on, the kids expressed gratitude at having experiences

only available to them at TJC," says retired Director Smith. "They were treated with respect and gave respect back in return."

Students' fondness for their Band days comes back to visit long-time Director Fowler virtually every month. "My wife and I seldom go anywhere in the country that we don't run into someone with connections to the Band," recalls the man who Band members called "Boss."

Today, Gary Jordan, director since 1986, reports that for the TJC Apache Band, the beat goes on.

TJC's overall band program has grown, in fact, into three key components. The Apache Marching Band, which Jordan says should stabilize at about 120 members, still shines in the fall football season and at other special events. "The music is there to add the excitement and feeling you want at those events," he explains. "And we are careful to rotate appearances around our whole TJC District, not just in Tyler."

In the spring the 80-member Symphonic Band digs deep into the study of traditional band music, from Sousa to modern composers, especially important to music majors and future band leaders, although most Apache Band members remain, as in earlier years, non-music majors. The concert band also opens two major performances each spring to the general public, in addition to numerous visits to area schools.

The third band program component is the Apache Jazz, a select 19-member jazz band that offers even more musically challenging study for players. "Since it is smaller, we can go with the jazz band to smaller events," Jordan notes, adding that it is also valuable for recruiting top players from area high schools.

Under his new leadership, Director Jordan plans more of what the Apache Band does best — back up the Belles — as well as providing a strong musical program in its own right. He hopes to bring the Band's already high profile to newer heights.

"Every two years I hope we can perform on a national or international level of competition or exposure to keep the Band and Belles in the forefront of the performance scene. We have a program that can do better than what I see on national television."

Internationally, Jordan has his sights set on the other side of the globe. "When I was in school, Japan was opening up for lots of cultural exchanges. Today, there's more attention on the Soviet Union and China for groups that can foster positive international relations, and I hope we can be part of that."

"Our main thrust at TJC is to have a strong and rewarding — musically and educationally — band program. It's important for our students. It's important for the College. And it's a wonderful resource for the whole area."

Concludes Jordan: "I'm convinced I have the best band directing job in the country!"

And, clearly, no other community college band in the country can upstage the rich musical heritage that the Apache Band has brought to *The Life and Times of Tyler, Texas*.

Were he alive now, Shakespeare would have to agree.



# A teacher to remember



**A** former TJC student-turned-high-school-teacher-turned-drama-instructor-turned-coordinator of the speech/theatre program has found a place in the sun at his alma mater. And now he's taking a curtain call.

David Crawford '71 is the College's 1988 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award nominee.

In addition to being chosen by his peers for this prestigious honor, Crawford is the first recipient of the Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Excellence in Teaching Award given in conjunction with the Piper award.

As a high school student, Crawford entertained ideas of becoming either a game warden or a football coach. Instead, when he came to Tyler Junior College, he discovered that entertaining people on the stage was more fun.

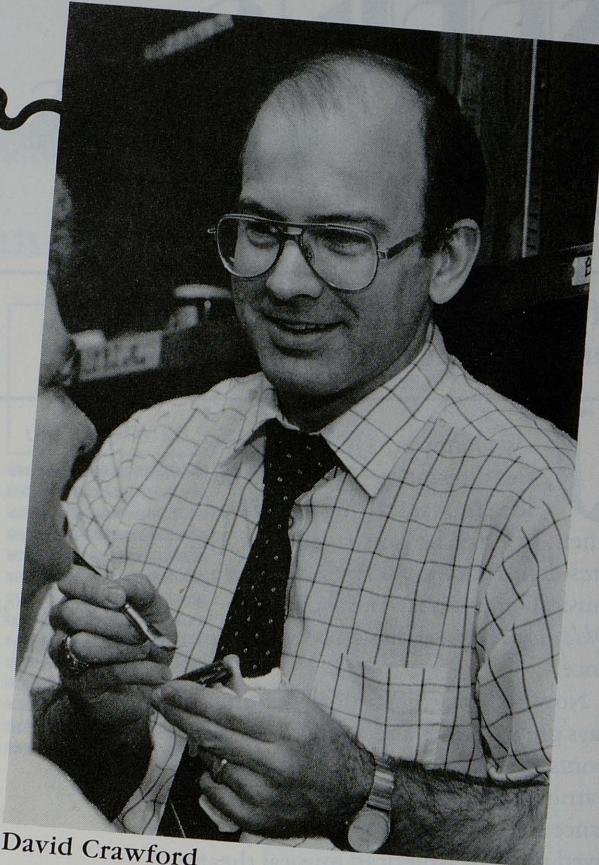
For Crawford, coming from Chapel Hill High School to TJC was scary, even though he was actually just moving down the street.

"But I was stepping out of the home atmosphere . . . Drama really helped me because I found that I enjoyed trying out for plays. Before, I had been afraid that I didn't have the background to compete," Crawford said. "I did well at it because I was brand new."

Crawford, who attended TJC from 1969-71, says that life at TJC at the time didn't really reflect what was often depicted as the norm at other colleges and universities — flag-burning, rabble-rousing students.

"We were very naive but we were beginning to find out there was a world out there . . . we were beginning to question the rules that governed it. Instead of accepting everything, we were beginning to ask 'why,'" Crawford said. "In a way, we were protected at TJC."

## Dr. David Crawford receives TJC's first master teacher award



David Crawford

For someone who now holds a doctorate in theatre from Texas Tech University, Crawford is quick to admit that he wasn't the greatest student TJC had ever seen.

"It was that personal approach by teachers that kept me afloat. I didn't do well at math and foreign language . . . I had two tutors helping," Crawford said.

If Crawford thought that TJC was a big stepping stone from Chapel Hill HS, when he left the College for North Texas State University, he was in for another surprise.

"I hated it," Crawford says about NTSU. "I picked North Texas for the wrong reason — my sister had gone there."

But, for all the negativism, he said that NTSU did teach him to depend on himself. "I learned to grow up quickly . . . I didn't have any money, no dates, no car."

After two years, Crawford then enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University, where, he said, "I found my place."

In what seems like a case of predestination (seven of Crawford's family members are teachers), Crawford began

*By Betty Nelson*

looking for a teaching job after finishing his master's degree at SFA. But, he added, he was only interested in college teaching.

Instead, he landed a job at Winnsboro High School, teaching drama, speech and journalism.

However, the idea of teaching at the college level kept beckoning and when he was contacted by East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, he jumped at the chance. Staying there a year, Crawford directed four plays and got his feet wet in the ways of higher education and college theatre.

"I had always wanted to come back (to TJC). So when John Wright, an instructor, began work on his doctorate, I applied at TJC. (Former president) Dr. Jenkins said, 'Can you teach public speaking?' I said, 'Yes.' He said, 'You're hired,'" Crawford said. an instructor of speech and theatre. And that semester turned out to provide him with more than just one opportunity.

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# SPRING MUSICALS AT 20

If it's spring, it must be musical production time in Apacheland

**J**.W. Johnson, TJC choral activities director, probably had no idea he was starting a tradition when, in 1968, he persuaded then TJC President Harry Jenkins to let him stage a musical on campus. The show was *Oklahoma!* Spring hasn't been the same since.

Now each year, just about the time the days grow warmer and spring break looms around the corner, students begin learning lines, building sets, practicing dance steps and singing some of the best loved tunes of American musical theatre. The ritual of song and dance is as popular as ever in Apacheland.

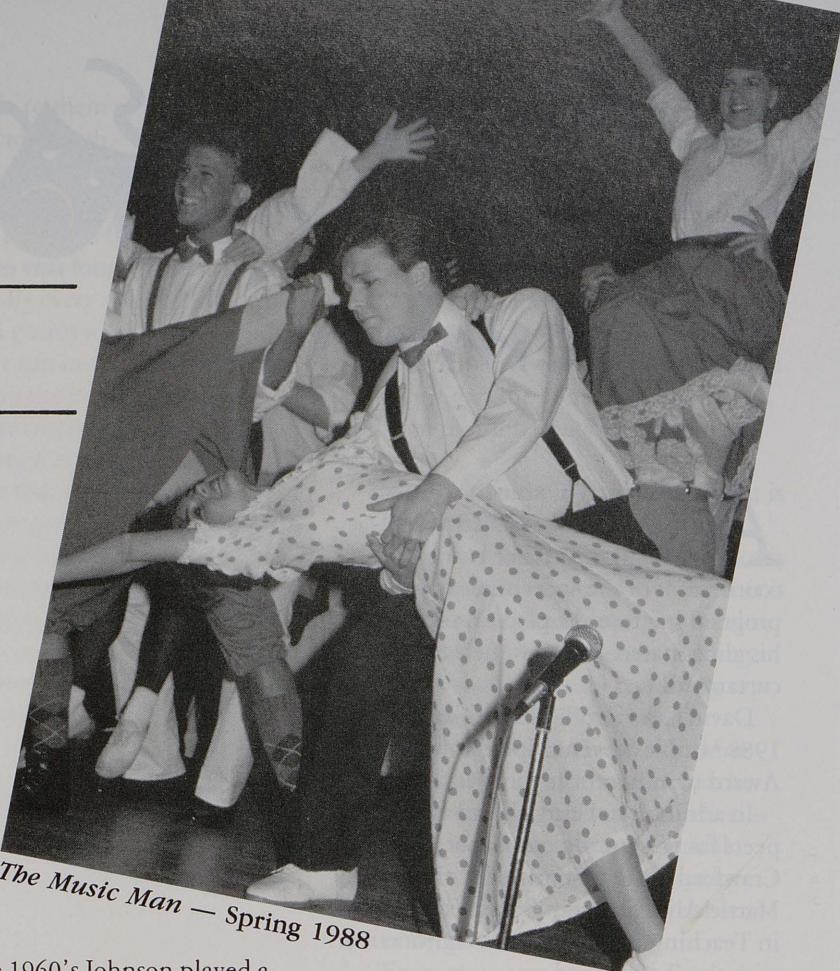
Students over the past two decades may not remember if the football team had winning seasons, but I bet they can tell you which musicals were brought to life in Wise Auditorium while they were there.

Literally thousands of students over the years have had a hand in putting on the shows and even thousands more have been entertained by performances of *Brigadoon*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Hello Dolly*, *Mame*, *No, No Nanette*, *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music*, to name a few.

The tradition this 20th anniversary season was carried on with a successful production of *The Music Man*, which played to packed houses March 10-12. Roger Pharr, a computer technician and 1985 TJC graduate, played flim flam man Professor Harold Hill and Leslie Ann Wickham, a freshman music major from Topeka, Kansas, portrayed his love interest, Librarian Marian Paroo. The show, which features such popular tunes as *76 Trombones*, *Til There Was You* and *Trouble in River City*, was first staged as a TJC Musical in 1976.

Just as he had the previous 19 productions, Johnson was there helping make sure everything came off in flying colors.

By  
*Danny Mogle*



*The Music Man* — Spring 1988

Back in the 1960's Johnson played a vital role in staging the popular Lion's Club Review in Tyler. When he needed performers, he had to look no further than students in the drama program and his choir classes. Eventually students came to dominate the cast. That's when Johnson decided to channel all that talent into a school production.

In the early years, he said most students had no idea what it took to be in a musical and many didn't have the experience or training to pull off tricky musical sequences and chorus dance routines.

"There weren't enough good dancers on campus so I borrowed high school girls from dance studios," he said.

"Back in those days hardly any of the students had ever been in a musical. There was hardly anything of that nature going on around here."

What students lacked in experience, they made up for in hard work and an enduring "show-must-go-on spirit." Johnson once described the spring musical as the ultimate "masterpiece of under-rehearsal. There's not enough time to work out all the bugs and make it slickly professional. But what it lacks in professionalism is made up by the kids'

talent and enthusiasm. They give it everything they've got."

Although Johnson still conducts the orchestra and directs the music during performances, the job of putting the show together now rests in the hands of Cheryl Whisenant Rogers, music/dance coordinator, and Candy Crocker Jordan, dance instructor. Both are TJC alumnae who were featured in the musicals as students. Rogers was in the inaugural production of *Oklahoma!* and Jordan had one of the lead roles in 1974's *No, No Nanette*.

Once the cast is selected, the two have only about six weeks to mold the students, and a handful of non-students which take part each year, into a cohesive cast capable of pulling off a performance that will bring the crowd to its feet. That means nightly rehearsals, pushing students to do their best and maintaining faith that although practices are not going well, everything will be fine.

"They (student cast) have a lot of want to," Rogers said days before *The Music Man* was to hit the stage. "They

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# Development News

## New presidential scholarships announced

The establishment of The S.W. Brookshire Presidential Scholarship and The Sarah Butler Presidential Scholarship was announced by Tyler Junior College President Raymond M. Hawkins at the TJC Foundation winter board meeting in February.

The Brookshire scholarship honors the memory of S.W. "Woody" Brookshire '49, formerly vice chairman of the board and chief operating officer of Brookshire Grocery Company. The scholarship, established by his family, will be awarded to an employee or the child of an employee of the company.

We are happy about endowing this scholarship, said Woody's son Brad Brookshire. "Dad believed in education and he believed in taking care of Brookshire partners."

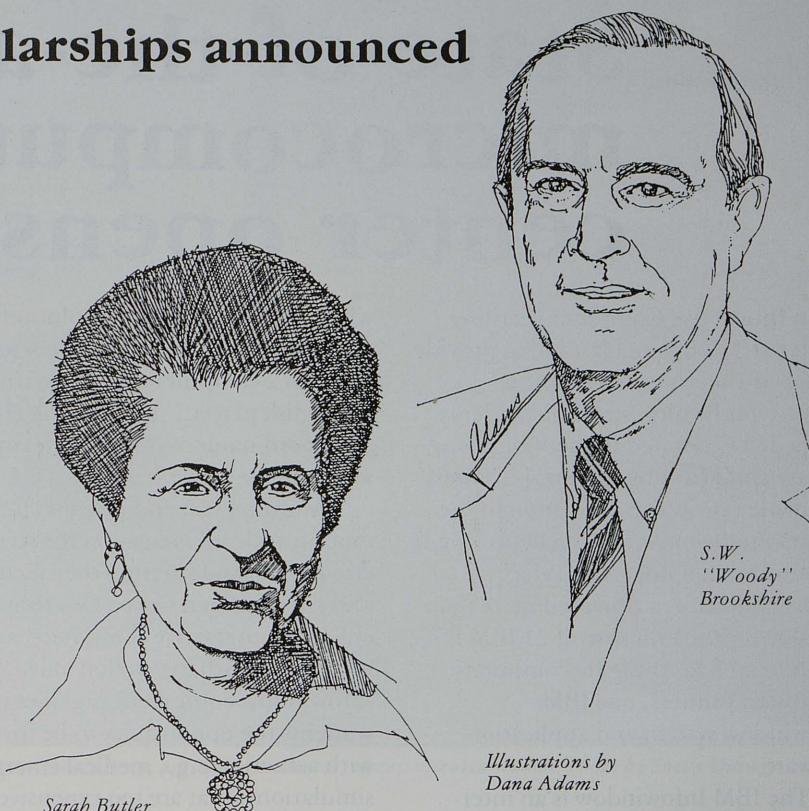
The Butler scholarship, established by the T.B. Butler Publishing Company, honors the memory of Sarah Butler, daughter of T.B. Butler, founder of the company. For many years she was publisher of the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* and the *Tyler Courier-Times Telegraph*, and president of the company.

"We are indeed grateful to the Brookshire family and T.B. Butler Publishing Company for their interest in and support of the presidential scholarship program at Tyler Junior College," Hawkins said. "I know of no finer way to honor the memory of a loved one than the establishment of an endowed scholarship."

Each presidential scholarship represents a minimum of \$25,000 gift to the College and provides a \$2,000 yearly award to an academically talented high school graduating senior without regard to financial need.

Presidential scholarships at TJC now number 30 for an endowment of \$750,000 Hawkins said.

Contributions to the College since 1983 total \$2.5 million, ranking TJC 9th in the nation among junior/community colleges for private giving, Hawkins told the Foundation Board.



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Dana Adams



A \$3,000 contribution by the Ed and Mary Heath Foundation to Tyler Junior College made possible the purchase of a pool lift in the Health and Physical Education Center on the TJC campus. The pool lift, installed in the aquatic area, provides easy access to the swimming facility for handicapped and disabled students and persons from the community. Pictured are Vickie Geisel, TJC counselor/coordinator of support services; Marcus Preston, a student in TJC's adapted aquatics class; and Charlotte Schaefers, assistant to the chairman, Ed and Mary Heath Foundation.

# State-of-the-art microcomputer center opens

An Interactive Computer Learning Center at TJC opened last fall to provide a state-of-the-art microcomputer resource for faculty, staff and students.

The ICLC, located in the Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center, was made possible in part through the Rogers Endowment for Excellence, a gift by Bob and Lou Rogers of Tyler.

The endowment provided more than \$51,000 for the purchase of 21 IBM PS/2 computers, five Apple IIe computers, five Epson printers, one IBM Infowindow system and application software.

"The IBM Infowindow is an interactive, multimedia processing system,

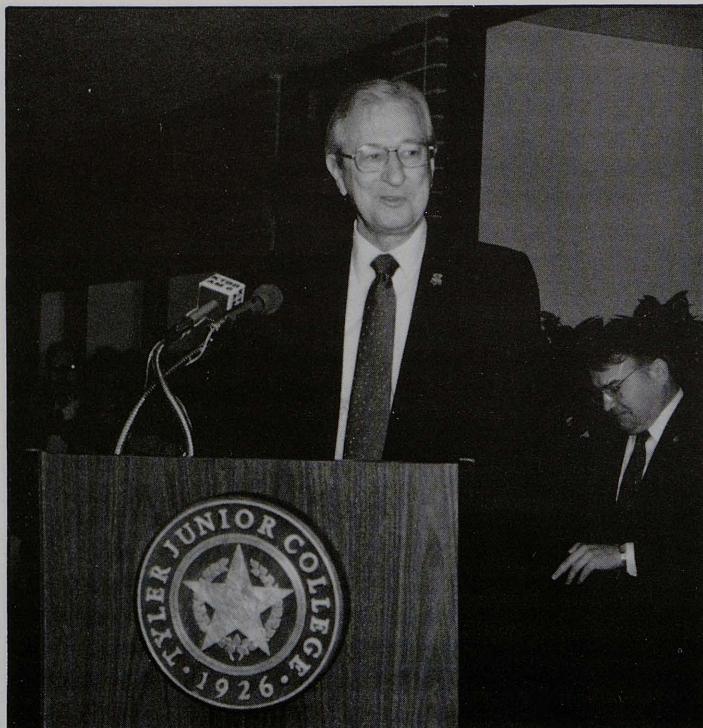
which consists of a high resolution color monitor with a touch sensitive screen, an IBM PS/2 computer and keyboard, and video disk player," said Martha Hogan, TJC coordinator of computer learning services.

"Allowing text and graphics to overlay motion and still images on the screen, it also provides audio from the video disk and a synthesized voice. This technology enhances interactive computer-based instruction with live-action video. The Infowindow equipment provides the students the opportunity to be involved with activities, e.g., medical emergency simulations, that are too expensive, too time consuming or too dangerous for

the classroom."

At the beginning of the fall semester, the majority of students using the ICLC consisted of mathematics and developmental reading students. As the semester progressed, students from chemistry, computer science, agriculture and economics also made use of the learning center. Over 2,500 student visits were made to the open lab during the fall semester while 74 class meetings were held in the scheduled lab.

The spring semester is seeing continued use of the lab from the areas mentioned with the addition of English, Spanish, continuing education and tennis tech students.



Ralph M. Hall, U.S. congressman, 4th District, was guest speaker for a ribbon-cutting ceremony in March for the Small Business Development Center at Tyler Junior College.



## Hawkins new chamber president

Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president, became president of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce March 1.

Focus for the Chamber this year will be "working together to pull our separate agendas into one realizing that we all have a stake in helping to make Tyler a prosperous and vital part of our state and nation," Hawkins says.

## \$8,000 grant received

The Junior League of Tyler recently awarded an \$8,000 grant to the Tyler Junior College Success Oriented Studies Program (SOS). The money will be used to purchase computers and software.

The League will also provide five to six volunteers to help instructors give help to students with deficiencies in reading, writing, spelling and math.



Dean Haws, freshman from Gilmer, gets help in mathematics from Steve Green, assistant coordinator, success oriented studies. Photo by Shelly Hulsey.

## Student Enrichment Series continues

# Students told to explore options, not set titles for themselves

Everybody who's ever succeeded has failed and tried again because everybody is going to have ups and downs, Sarah Weddington, lawyer and former Presidential assistant, told a capacity crowd of students in Wise Auditorium last February.

Weddington, fourth speaker in the 1987-88 Student Enrichment Series, talked on *You Can Make A Difference*.

She told students not to set titles for themselves but to ask, "What can I do that will give me more options tomorrow?"

She encouraged students to not only earn a living, but make a life that will "give something back to the

communities in which you live."

Weddington, now a history and government lecturer at the University of Texas and Texas Woman's University, is best known for her defense work in *Roe vs. Wade* before the U.S. Supreme Court at the age of 26.

At age 21, she was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Texas Law School.

In 1977, Weddington was appointed General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she directed more than 200 attorneys. Her skill in public service prompted President Jimmy Carter to name her assistant for women's affairs. She served

the President for three years, directing administration policy on women's issues and serving as a political liaison for various state leaders.

Weddington then spent two years as top lobbyist for the State of Texas and director of the Office of State and Federal Relations in Washington.

She also has served in the Texas House of Representatives.

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# Upward journey of a gifted group

*Meet eight presidential scholars graduating in May.  
All carry an overall grade-point average of 3.5 or greater.*

**Stephanie Kuna**



*Scholarship: The Louise H. Rogers Presidential  
High School: Frankston  
Major: Music education  
Future Plans: Baylor University*

**Rebecca Mangum**



*Scholarship: The Brady P. Gentry Presidential  
High School: Robert E. Lee in Tyler  
Major: Accounting  
Future Plans: University of Texas at Tyler*

**Angela Nunelee**



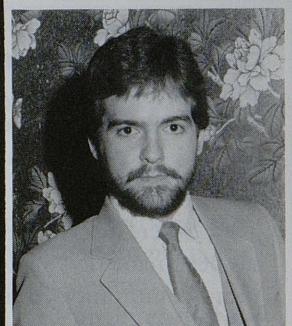
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High School: Lindale  
Major: Business  
Future Plans: Texas A&M University*

**Emily Schwane**



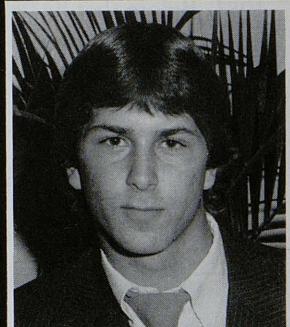
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High School: Whitehouse  
Major: Engineering  
Future Plans: Texas A&M University*

**Stacy Black**



*Scholarship: The Dulse Lux  
Hudnall Presidential  
High School: Alto  
Major: Dentistry  
Future Plans: University of  
Houston Dental School*

**Lee Frey**



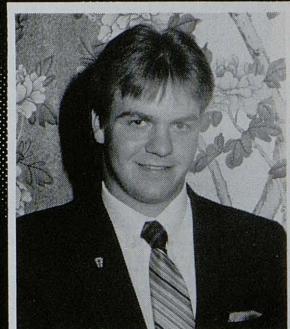
*Scholarship: The Dorothy Fay  
and Jack White Presidential  
High School: Van  
Major: Computer science  
engineering  
Future Plans: University of  
Texas at Arlington*

**Jill Wilkerson**



*Scholarship: The Bonna Bess  
and Jim Vaughn Presidential  
High School: John Tyler in  
Tyler  
Major: Business  
Future Plans: Stephen F.  
Austin State University*

**Marvin Harman, Jr.**



*Scholarship: The Mrs. A.S.  
Genevieve Presidential  
High School: Arp  
Major: Business  
Future Plans: University of  
Texas at Tyler*

# Faculty/Staff Briefs

**Vic Siller**, speech/theatre instructor, has been named 1988 Educator of the Year, Community/Junior College Theatre Section, by the Texas Educational Theatre Association and the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology.

He received the award during the TETA/USITT Awards Banquet in January.

According to the TETA/USITT, "Victor L. Siller has been a moving force in educational theatre since 1968 when he received his B.S. degree from Southwest Texas State University."

Siller has been at the College since 1981. Before that he served as technical director at San Antonio College. He has also been a scene designer and technical director at the University of St. Thomas from 1975-77.

In addition to his degree from SWTS, Siller has an associate of arts in drama from Lon Morris College and a master's in arts in theatre from Stephen F. Austin State University.

He is currently working on a doctorate degree at Texas Tech University.

**Vickie Geisel**, counselor/coordinator, support services, last fall was speaker at the Brown Bag Luncheon for United Telephone, spoke to an adult training workshop at the Adult Learning Center in Tyler on *Career Assessment and What's Available at Tyler Junior College* and participated as a member of the Coordinating Board's Site Visit Team for Amarillo College and Texas State Technical Institutes in Amarillo and Sweetwater.

**Dr. Nancy Laird**, physical education instructor, last spring presented to the Gladewater Garden Club *A Visit to China: Its People and Culture*.

**Betsy Ott**, biology instructor, has been invited to join the Citizen Ambassador Program's People to People Biology Education Delegation trip to the People's Republic of China in June and July.

**Judy Carr, Pat Cryer, Joyce Martin**, vocational nursing instructors, and **Dee Miller**, instructor/coordinator, vocational

nursing, were inducted into the Iota Nu Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau last March. Membership qualifications include being an RN with a minimum of a bachelor's degree, having demonstrated marked achievement in nursing education, practice, research or publication.

**Robert Jones**, mathematics instructor, is serving on the Academic Skills Development Committee for the Texas Academic Skills Program (RASP). This committee is responsible for providing advice and assistance to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, The Texas Education Agency, and National Evaluation Systems during the development and implementation phases of the TASP test.

**Dr. Alan Barnes**, counselor/coordinator, orientation, last winter was a major program presenter at the Southwest Regional Conference of The Freshman Year Experience held in Tulsa, OK. The regional conferences are presented throughout the nation as part of the University 101 Programs. Barnes' program, *Changing Orientation Programs to Achieve Institutional Effectiveness*, outlined steps taken by TJC to improve the summer orientation activities to coincide with the College's efforts to achieve a more effective instructional program.

**M'Liss Hindman and Jacque Shackelford**, speech/theatre instructors, last winter presented workshops for The University Interscholastic League. The league, a Texas' high school activity organization, sponsored four day-long student activity conferences for high school students and teachers. "The evaluations written by audience members were overwhelmingly positive," said Bailey Marshall, director, "and their participation was a significant factor in the success of the league's program."

**Jamie Carter**, computer science instructor, spoke last winter to Phi Sigma Alpha on the demystification of computers. Carter also was recently elected secretary/treasurer of the Texas Association of Staff, Program and Organizational Development (TASPOD). The annual Round-Up of Teaching Excellence is sponsored by TASPOD.

**Larry Pilgrim**, instructor/coordinator, agriculture/farm and ranch management, last winter was elected vice president and program chairman of the East Texas Farm and Ranch Club.

**Dr. Elaine Graybill**, French/Spanish instructor, recently presented a paper, *The Influence of Joris Karl Huysmans, A rebours on Ruben Dario*, at the 9th Louisiana Conference on Hispanic Languages and Literatures at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. Graybill, who is vice chairman of the Foreign Language Section for Texas Junior College Teachers' Association, also presented *Mardi Gras Traditions* to 8th grade French and Spanish classes at Whitehouse Middle School.

**Rhey Nolan**, instructor, economics/government, represents TJC in Leadership Tyler.

**Sarah Harrison**, instructor, English/journalism, has written a test bank for *Programmed News Style*, a basic journalism text authored by former TJC journalism department chairman Dr. Blanche Prejean and Dr. Wayne Danielson of the University of Texas at Austin. Harrison's test bank is being distributed on computer disk for use with the *News Style* text at colleges and universities throughout the country. She also serves as TJC Faculty Senate president.

**Dr. David Crawford**, instructor/coordinator, speech/theatre, was recently elected state treasurer for the Texas Educational Theatre Association.

**John Hays**, Spanish instructor and coordinator, foreign language, last winter presented *The Maya, Predecessors of the Aztec* to 4th grade bilingual classes at Bonner Elementary School in Tyler.

**Linda Zeigler**, instructor/coordinator, journalism and director, student publications, was recently appointed to the Two-Year Colleges Committee of College Media Advisers. CMA is comprised of 600 student publications advisers from colleges and universities in 47 states.

**Mary Adams**, English instructor, is serving a second year as president of the Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary international

sorority for women educators.

**James Murray**, English instructor, holds a charter membership in the Texas Chapter of American Studies Association. He is also active in Texas Historical Association Contributor.

**Joy Watson**, coordinator, behavioral science, developed a volunteer program for psychology/sociology students at Jones Elementary School in Tyler. She also serves as group leader for Parents Anonymous.

**Paula Buck**, English instructor, was recently elected president of the East Texas Council of Teachers of English and to the board of Tyler Catholic School System.

**James Wicks**, instructor/coordinator of chemistry, and **James Hill**, chemistry instructor, last fall presented chemistry demonstrations to 5th grade classes at Owens Elementary and Moore Middle schools in Tyler.

**Dr. Charles Johnson**, instructor/coordinator, success oriented studies, is campus liaison for TJC to the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASPO). The program was initiated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency. Test development involves hundreds of Texas educators who review draft materials at various stages of development and participate in validation studies of those materials.

**Joy Hasley**, math instructor, has been named to the Math Content Advisory Committee of the Texas Academic Skills Program.

**Judy Turman**, English instructor, is vice chairman of the State Advisory Board, Phi Theta Kappa.

**Bill Crowe**, director of student affairs, has received a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation-aided League for Innovation in the Community College in collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin. As a Kellogg Fellow, Crowe, who is pursuing a doctorate degree in community college leadership at UT Austin, will complete a semester-long internship with a chief executive officer of a community college and will also complete a dissertation or research project applicable to community colleges. The purpose of the grant is to

strengthen leadership skills of community college administrators.

**Carolyn Hendon**, English instructor, this spring is representative for two-year colleges, Executive Committee, Texas Joint Council of Teachers of English. She also serves on the nominating committee of the East Texas Council of Teachers of English.

**Joan Jones**, instructor/coordinator, office occupations, legal assistant and medical office management, presented *Maintaining Your Sweetheart Image in the Office* to the American Institute of Banking Secretarial Group in February in Tyler. She also served as a program evaluator for a Texas Education Agency Sunset Review Committee for the Data Processing Program at John Tyler High School in Tyler. She evaluated the program of instruction, the quality of the equipment and the instructional facility.

**Theresa Walch**, counselor, was recently named to the board of directors, Junior College Student Personnel Association of Texas.

**Ben McPherson**, instructor/coordinate, air conditioning and refrigeration, recently conducted a Community Services seminar on the maintenance and repair of gas furnaces. He was also given a gift certificate for "outstanding instruction" in air conditioning to second shift students at Trane Company.

**Joyce Martin**, vocational nursing instructor, recently presented *African Violets and Health Care Tips on Aging* to the Gladewater Garden Club.

**Dr. Robert Glover**, instructor/coordinator, history and geography, last winter spoke to the Tyler Kiwanis Club on *Confederate Tyler*.

## **Instructor transcribes music for new compact disk**

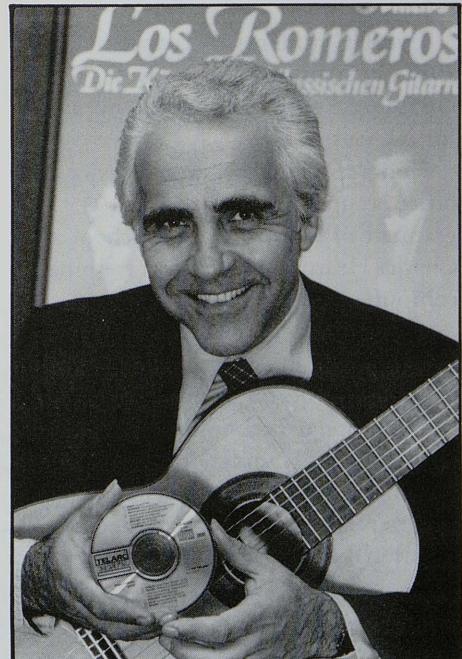
Franklin Kimlicko, Tyler Junior College music instructor, is featured prominently in classical guitarist Angel Romero's new compact disk, *A Touch of Class*, which was released last winter by Telarc.

Not only is Kimlicko credited for transcribing Respighi's *Siciliana from Suite No. 3, Ancient Airs and Dances*, Mozart's *Andante from Piano Concerto No. 21 in C Major* and Albinoni's *Adagio*, Romero "wishes to thank Franklin Kimlicko, head of the guitar department at Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas, for his assistance in the preparation of this recording."

*A Touch of Class* is in release internationally.

A guitarist, Kimlicko has played with Jimmy Durante, Milton Berle, Jim Nabors, Duke Ellington, Carol Burnett, Nipsy Russell and the Fontaine Sisters.

He has played in orchestras including the Texas Rose Festival, Dallas Civic Opera, Miss Texas Pageant, East Texas Symphony, Fort Worth Symphony, Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the East Texas Co-Opera.



In 1985, Kimlicko was TJC's Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award nominee.

He holds a bachelor's degree in music composition from North Texas State University and a master's degree in guitar from Southern Methodist University.

### 'Harvard of tennis teaching'

TJC's tennis tech program is featured on the cover of the winter issue of *The Tennis Pro*, the official publication of the U.S. Professional Tennis Registry Foundation.

In an article written by Dennis Van der Meer, president of the USPTR, the TJC program is called "the Harvard of tennis teaching."

The first of its kind in the nation, the program trains students for occupational competency as tennis teaching programers. Students from more than 35 states and 20 countries ranging in age from 17 to 58 are currently enrolled. The program was begun in 1981.

### Students win state award

Two TJC students are recipients of the 1988 Outstanding Student With A Disability Award in Texas post-secondary institutions.

Honored are Kristy Swan of Tyler, an office occupations major and a 1985 graduate of John Tyler High School, and Charles Hearn of Quitman, a freshman computer science major at TJC.

Announcement of their awards was made Feb. 12 in Austin by the Texas Council on Vocational Education and the Vocational-Technical Education Development Foundation of Texas.

The awards recognize outstanding achievement by students enrolled in vocational education.

### Spring enrollment up

Tyler Junior College's official 12th day class enrollment is 7,006 students, the highest enrollment ever for a spring semester.

The total represents an increase of 176 students over last spring's 12th day total of 6,830.

The enrollment for the fall of 1987, which was 7,653 students, was the second highest ever.

Nationwide, more than four million students took credit classes at America's community colleges last year, representing more than 41 percent of all undergraduate students and 55 percent of all first-time freshmen in the U.S.

### Cheerleaders ranked nationally

TJC cheerleaders were recently ranked 16th in the nation among Division II schools by the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), according to Emma Lou Prater, student activities director and cheerleader advisor.

The cheerleaders submitted videotape highlighting the squad performing cheers, chants and a fight song. The tape was submitted for the Holiday Inn/Coca-Cola College Cheerleading Championship directed by UCA. More than 200 squads participated.

### HPE Center included in national magazine

Tyler Junior College's Health and Physical Education Center has been selected for inclusion in the *Architectural Portfolio 1987 of American School and University* magazine.

One of 112 projects from across the nation selected by a group of five outstanding architects, the 74,338-square-foot HPE Center was designed by Carroll M. Sinclair of Sinclair & Wright Architects of Tyler.

Projects were judged on the building's reflection of educational philosophy, its overall plan relative to function and aesthetic considerations.

### TJC gets regional recognition

Tyler Junior College was recently recognized by Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS) for activities scheduled during the 1987 National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

TJC, the only junior college in the region recognized, was honored through Project GAMMA (Greek Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol) for the "active participation and contributions to responsible alcohol education programming."

Other schools honored were Centenary College of Louisiana, Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Arlington.

### ADN program to move

The associate degree nursing program will move this fall from 801 Clinic Drive to the Pirtle Technology Center on campus.

The relocation is necessary, Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president said, because the present Texas Eastern School of Nursing building, which TJC does not own, is facing extensive repairs and renovations in addition to significant asbestos abatement. The total costs of repair and abatement would be about \$200,000, Hawkins said.

The cost of relocating to campus is estimated to cost between \$150,000-\$175,000. Money to pay for the relocation, which will include finishing a portion of Phase V in the Pirtle Technology Center to provide five classrooms and 18 offices will come from the TJC Plant Fund, Hawkins said.

The move, he said, will require no change in the operating budget.

## Winning doubles the pleasure

### *Sophomore netters aim for another national championship*

**W**hen Lene Holm Larsen and Cathrine Vigander decided two years ago to attend Tyler Junior College, neither had any idea what to expect.

They had never visited the campus, knew nothing about the quality of junior college tennis or even who their teammates would be.

Holm Larsen grew up in Taastrup, Denmark while Vigander was from Stavanger, Norway.

But Scandanavia's loss was TJC's gain. As freshmen last year, they teamed together to win the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's doubles championship and helped Tyler win the team title.

In last year's finals, Holm Larsen and Vigander defeated Cooke County's Jamie McCaffrey and Camilla Svenson, 6-4, 6-2.

So is there pressure to win at this year's national tournament in Pasadena, Texas?

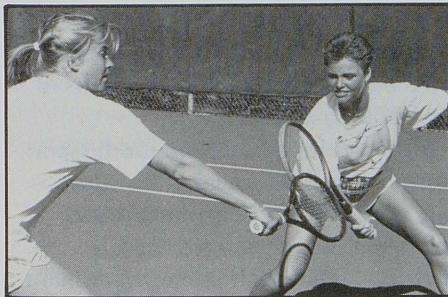
"I don't feel that way," said Vigander, who first came to the U.S. five years ago on a family vacation. "All people expect to win but all you can do is work hard and do the best you can and hope you're at your peak the week of the national tournament."

Holm Larsen, whose younger sister Dorte is a freshman at TJC, said the pressure doesn't bother her, either.

"Not really," said Holm Larsen. "It's just the pressure Cathrine and I put on ourselves."

Vigander began her tennis career 12 years ago almost by accident.

"There was a coach who had kids at the court nearby saw me hit balls against the wall and started talking to me in English. I couldn't understand him so I ran home to dad. He told me he wanted



*Lene Holm Larsen, left, and Cathrine Vigander journey to Pasadena, Texas in May to defend their national doubles championship. The tournament is scheduled May 16-20. Photo by Steve Sinclair.*

to start working with me."

Vigander started taking tennis seriously at 13, traveling to national and regional tournaments. She said her club had a lot of money to put into a juniors program and was able to send her all over the country.

Holm Larsen was able to play some tennis in the U.S. as a teen but never set foot in Tyler.

Both, however, have one common denominator — Astrid Sunde.

A former TJC netter also from Scandanavia, Sunde had chances to watch both Vigander and Holm Larsen play. She relayed the information to then Tyler coach Robert Cox who offered both of them scholarships.

For Vigander, it was a major adjustment.

"I would have to be on my own after living with my parents. I would have to adjust to the food, the people and culture. I would have to live with my teammates, be independent and solve problems myself."

For Holm Larsen, it was all a big mystery.

"I didn't know what to expect," she said. "I was kind of excited, but I also knew Cathrine would be coming."

Both of them arrived on campus in August of 1986. Their impressions were pretty much the same. They liked the campus but were not accustomed to the heat and humidity of an East Texas summer.

"I have no regrets," said Holm Larsen. "I've had two great years here."

"The competition was good," recalled Vigander. "I thought it would be weaker and I got along great with my teammates. I started slow but that's because we had clay courts back home."

But it took awhile for the two to become a doubles team. Cox tried experiment after experiment hoping to find the right combination.

Finally, he made somewhat of a drastic move — teaming No. 2 singles player Holm Larsen with No. 6 Vigander. It was the right combination and the rest is history.

Cox left for Arkansas, however, and John Peterson stepped in. Not wanting to tamper with success, he didn't break up the winning doubles team.

The two could have a tough time repeating, having lost twice already to Odessa's No. 1 doubles team. That could lead to a showdown in Pasadena in May.

Holm Larsen and Vigander will be ready.

**By Steve Sinclair**

## Brawn, brains and business

*What do these three B's have in common? Lots for John Reuland '82*

**By Jim Phillips**

**D**uring his growing-up years John Reuland '82 was the smallest kid on the block, and he thought basketball was life itself. It figures — a typical story for many young men.

But Reuland finally gave up dribbling down the court and practicing lay-ups and took up the sport of bodybuilding.

It turned out to be a good decision. He now qualifies for the Mr. U.S.A. 1988 tournament. Add that to other honors: Mr. Heart of Texas, Mr. Lone Star, Mr. Southern U.S.A., Mr. Oklahoma, Mr. Texas and the Inter-Mountain Body Building Championship.

"Little did I know back then that I would become obsessed with the sport and in the process gain 55 pounds of muscle," he said. Obsession and dedication "to be the best" are qualities needed to achieve in competition, he said. Dedication to the sport "demands a whole lifestyle that included diet, rest, workouts and an almost non-existent social life."

Quiet by nature, bodybuilding made it harder for him to make friends. "I went to class and then left school to

work out." But fairly soon, people began to notice his body transformation. Some were envious.

"Most people see bodybuilders as they are on the day of a contest — pumped-up with oiled and shaven bodies," he said. "Judges look at symmetry, muscularity, which is muscle definition, and presentation, which is skin tone, confidence and other factors."

"Bodybuilding puts stress on the body — it can't stay that way year round. Fortunately, I have the right structure and metabolism that helps. Genetics is also important."

Although his enthusiasm for the sport was great, he didn't neglect his education. After TJC and a business degree from UT Tyler, he entered the job market in Tyler, his hometown. He soon found job opportunities were not so hot.

Having made the decision that Tyler was where he wanted to be, he combined his business knowledge with what he knew best, bodybuilding, and started making plans for a gymnasium.

Reuland's Gym opened last fall and caters to men and women, young and old, who are seeking a different look.

"Some just want to lose weight, others

want to tone up, some want to become bodybuilders, and some are potential models," he said.

Since the gym's opening, Reuland has taken time off from intensive training. "When the next competition gets closer I'll increase the workouts," he said. "My diet will be stricter — high protein, complex carbohydrates and low in fat. There will also be mental preparation because during the contests, there is a psychological game being played back stage."

But right now, his business venture comes first.

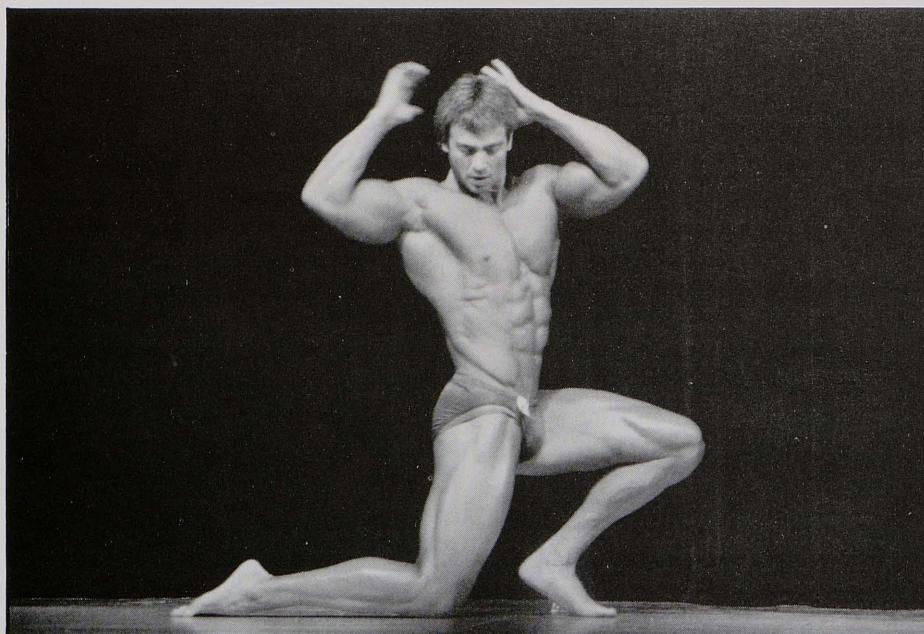
## Class Notes

**1932**

**Dorothy E. Albertson** is a retired designer. She graduated from SMU in 1962. She also received the first diploma from UT-Tyler, earning a master of arts in 1980. "I am a TJC student again trying to learn to operate a computer and weave material in art."

**1954**

**Bob Bowman**, president of Bob Bowman & Associates, was appointed to the Texas Centennial Commission, a nine-member panel charged with planning the 100th anniversary of the Texas Capitol building in Austin. The panel was appointed by Gov. Bill Clements, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, and House Speaker Gib Lewis. Bowman is the author of 11 books on Texas history and folklore. He also won the Best of Show Award for *Capitol Commemorative for Champion International Corp.* The award is presented by the Advertising-Public Relations Organization of East Texas. He also won a gold award for *Crosscut* for the Texas Forestry Museum, a silver award for *Business Loans*, First City Bank for First City Bank, Lufkin, and a merit award for *Prison* for Angelina County Chamber of Commerce.



John Reuland in competition. Courtesy photo.

1957

**Martha "Rusty" Fletcher** has been named to the advisory committee of the Texas Shakespeare Festival at Kilgore College. She is a member of the TJC Foundation Development Council.



*Earl "Buddy" Story*

**Earl "Buddy" Story** was presented the T.B. Butler Award as Tyler's most outstanding citizen. The award was presented by T.B. Butler Publishing Co. Inc. at the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce's 69th annual banquet in February. Story is general manager of Story-Wright Inc. He is a graduate of NTSU with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He has served as president of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the Texas Chamber of Commerce. He is past vice president of the Tyler Chamber. He has held the post of potentate of Sharon Temple and has served as president of the Texas Shrine Association. He also has served as board member of the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Houston. He has served on the executive board of Mother Frances Hospital and on the Development Board of UT-Tyler.

1959

**June Cash Thompson Lawrence** is an assistant professor teaching writing in the Development Education Program at Southern University at New Orleans. She lives in Marrero, LA.

**William Gordon Sublette** was named to the 1987-88 "Who's Who In Finance and Industry." He holds a bachelor's degree in industrial management from Lamar University and a master's degree in management from North Texas State University. He serves on the board of directors of William Sublette Enterprises Inc. of Houston.

1960

**Neill Wilkerson** is an attorney with his firm, J. Neill Wilkerson. He was named to "Who's Who in American Law 1986 and 1987." He was also promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He lives in Georgetown.

**Lloyd Pate** is vice president of sales development for Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas in Dallas.

1964

**Floyd Kaneaster** is a senior engineer with Kearfott Guidance and Navigation Division. He has a bachelor of science in engineering science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He and his wife have a son and a daughter. They live in Lyndhurst, NJ.

**Jack C. Myers** is an attorney in Dallas. A former TJC football player, he was on the 1963 team which won the Texas Eastern Conference Championship.

**Mike Armour** has been named pulpit minister for the Skillman Avenue Church of Christ in Dallas. A Mineola native, Armour graduated from TJC and NTSU. He has a master's degree from San Jose State University and a master's degree in religion from Pepperdine University. The naval reserve officer is a candidate for the Ph.D. from UCLA. He has served as minister for churches in Texas, Kentucky and California. He was dean of student affairs and director of church relations for Pepperdine University. Armour also served four years as president of Columbia Christian College in Portland, OR. He and his wife Fran, have three children, Deborah, David and Rebekah.

1965

**Carol Strain-Burk** is self-employed.

1967

**State Rep. David Hudson** received the "Award for Leadership" for his efforts to help defeat the state-sponsored lottery in the legislature. The award is presented by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. The award was one of six Legislative Achievement Awards presented by the commission.

**Jasper Curtis** has been promoted to classified advertising manager of the *Tyler Courier-Times—Telegraph*. He is a 20 year employee of Tyler's daily newspapers. He began his career as a proof dispatcher in 1968 and moved into the classified advertising department later that year. He is a lifetime member of the Beefmaster Breeders Universal. He lives in Flint.

1971

**Mark Boon** is associated with the law firm of Roberts. He has undergraduate and law degrees from UT-Austin.

**Randy L. Farris** lives in Dallas with his wife Connie and children Courtney and Jason.

**Cathy France** is a teacher in Tyler.

1972

**Brenda Elrod**, an employee in the Tyler City Health Department, was recently appointed to the Sanitation Advisory Committee by the Texas Board of Health.

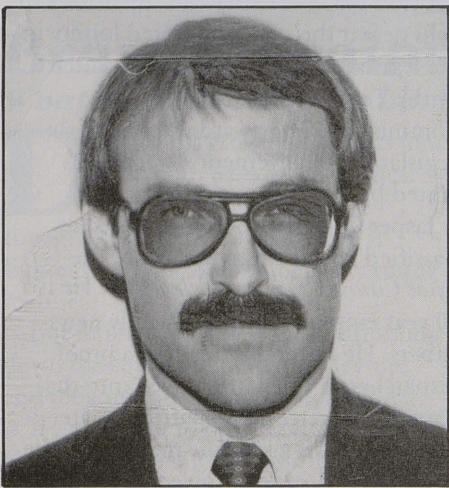
**Connie Copeland Farris** is a home-maker. She and her husband Randy, have two children, Courtney, 4, and Jason, 8 months. They live in Dallas. She is a former Apache Belle.

**Bob Gore** was recently promoted to manager of the Montgomery Ward store in the Sunrise Mall in Corpus Christi.

1973

**Don Carl Heckmann** has passed all parts of the CPA exam and will be certified in May. He has a bachelor of business administration from UT-Austin. After graduating from UT, he worked for the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas for seven years. He lives in Dallas and is currently employed by Rosewood Resources as an auditor. He is a member of the board of directors and

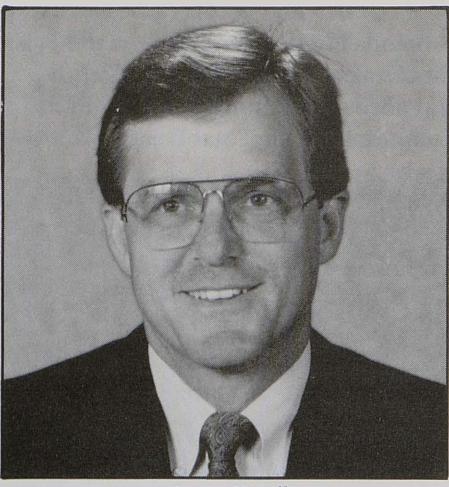
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Don Carl Heckmann

treasurer for "Wednesday's Child," a charity to help provide for foster children. He is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**Lonny Uzzell** was presented the W.C. Windsor Award at the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce 69th Annual Banquet in February. The Windsor award has been given annually since 1952 to an outstanding young Tyler leader under the age of 36. Uzzell is a vice president at Southside State Bank.



Lonny Uzzell

He is a 1975 graduate of UT-Austin. He has held numerous positions with the Tyler Chamber. He has received nine Life Membership-Salesmanship Awards. He has been active in the American Heart Association, American Marketing Association, Centurion, East Texas Fair Board, East Texas Fair Junior Livestock Premium Fund and East Texas Farm and Ranch Club. Uzzell is also a YMCA

group leader, a division leader and has been active in the Sharon Temple Shrine.

### 1974

**David Burgess** lives in Houston. He is a guitarist with the Jerry Burgess Band.

**Joe Allen Smith**, president of Penco Oil Co., was recently elected an advisory director of Tyler National Bank. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from UT-Austin in 1976.

**L. Jo Terrell** is a project director at NPD Research and lives in Houston.

### 1975

**Laura Potter Parsons** lives in Houston. She is a former Apache Belle.

**Karl "Dusty" Atkins** recently passed the Texas Board of Land Surveyors examination. He lives in Giddings.

**Will Jennings** was nominated this year for another Grammy Award for "Song of the Year" for his collaboration with Michael Messer on the Whitney Houston hit *Didn't We Almost Have It All*. Last year Jennings won a Grammy for his collaboration with Steve Winwood on the British rock hit *Higher Love*. In 1983 he won an Oscar for his song *Up Where We Belong*, the theme song from the movie *An Officer and a Gentleman*. The former TJC English instructor was named TJC Outstanding Alumnus for 1983. He lives in Agoura, CA.

### 1976

**Earl Campbell** is assistant to the vice president at UT-Austin. The John Tyler High School graduate has a bachelor's degree in speech communication from UT-Austin. He broke all Southwest Conference records for rushing during his years on the Longhorn football team and was a Heisman Trophy winner. He played pro football for eight and one-half years. Campbell played six years for the Houston Oilers before retiring in August 1986. Currently, he counsels college athletes.

### 1977

**Dr. R. Britt Ruby** was recently installed as president of the Smith County Dental Society. He has been in private practice in Tyler since 1982. He is a member of the American Dental Association, East Texas District Dental Society and a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry.

### 1978

**John Beckworth** is an attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski in Houston. He and his wife Laura have two sons, Will and Carter.

**Gloria Davis** is a Girl Scout executive and a part-time TJC instructor.

### 1979

**Scott Burch** was recently appointed vice president of Radford-Pinkerton-Roberts Inc. Construction Management. His responsibilities include sales, marketing and management of new projects. The UT-Tyler graduate has been with the company since 1985.

**John T. "Jay" Crews** is a digital mapping coordinator in data services for the Texas General Land Office. He has a bachelor of science in computer science from UT-Tyler and lives in Austin.

**Rantha Bobbitt** lives in Houston.

### 1980

**Lorraine Counts** is a flight attendant and model. She lives in Dallas. Last year she was a contestant on "The Price is Right." She also won a new car and dishwasher by shooting a hole-in-one in a golf-game show last June.

**Charles Cooper, Jr.** has been named store director at the new Brookshire's store scheduled to open this spring in Magnolia, AR. He joined Brookshire's in 1970. He has worked as a stocker, produce manager, assistant manager and store director in several Tyler area stores.

### 1983

**Melva Anderson** is a LVN at Park Place Nursing Center in Tyler. She has worked

in nursing homes since graduating. "I enjoy my work and love my patients. They are a rewarding group of people and have so much to give."

#### 1984

**Albert L. Anderson** is a rancher in the Tyler area. After retiring from the army, he took farm and ranch management courses at TJC. "I now manage my own ranch and I owe it to good old TJC."

**Betty Parker** is an office manager at Trowbridge Sample Service. She graduated from UT-Tyler in December 1987 and has a bachelor of business administration. Her husband Donald is employed by the Trane Company in Tyler. They live in Tyler.

#### 1985

**Mickey Becker** is an adult probation officer and lives in Greenville.

**Falesha Brown** is a second grade teacher in the Dallas Independent School District. She is a 1987 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University.

**Ula D. Davis** is a computer operator at the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler. She attends UT-Tyler.

**Jeanette Kress Dickerson** is editor of the *Van Progress*. She is a graduate of UT-Tyler. A former co-editor of the *TJC News*, she sings the praises of TJC and Linda Zeigler, director of student publications. She and her husband, Curtis, live in Grand Saline.

**Eileen Garland** is a third grade teacher in the Mount Enterprise Independent School District. She is a 1987 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University.

**Brenda Head** was recently promoted to assistant vice president of title operations at Landmark Title Co. of Tyler. She holds a petroleum land management degree from TJC. She has completed courses through the Texas Land Title Association and has a real estate salesman's license from Texas.

**Joey Johnson** is a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is in training in Provo, UT. He will serve two years in Johannesburg, South Africa. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi where he was captain of the varsity tennis team. At TJC, he was named Junior College

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All-American for two years in tennis singles and doubles.

**Kay Kinsey** a former Apache Belle, was Miss Idaho in the Miss USA Pageant in March.

**Jyl Lindsey Martel** is employed at Foley's. She and her husband, Michael, live in Tyler.

**Michael Martel** is account representative with Metropolitan Life. He is a Texas A&M University graduate with a bachelor's degree in economics. He and his wife, Jyl, live in Tyler.

**Mercy Peleo** is employed by a community hospital as a graduate nurse. She resides in Tyler. She is also a graduate student at UT-Tyler.

**Stephen Sparkman** is an accountant employed by Peat Marwick Main & Co., CPA's in Dallas. He is a 1987 graduate of UT-Austin.

#### 1986

**Jimmy Johnson** is a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is in training at Provo, UT and will serve two years in Sacramento, CA. He is a former student in the tennis tech program at TJC. "I hope to complete my tennis tech degree at TJC upon completion of my two year mission."

**Gene White** has been recognized by the Longview Board of Realtors as the 1987 "Rookie of the Year." He entered the real estate industry after retiring with

more than 32 years at Lone Star Steel Co. During his first year, White sold more than \$1 million in real estate. He is a veteran of the Korean War.

**Gary J. Wideman** is director of marketing and advertising for Burger King in San Angelo. He attends Angelo State University.

#### 1987

**Gary L. Choice Sr.** is employed by the U.S. Postal Service. He is in a management training program at the post office and is attending UT-Tyler studying management and technology.

**John Carl Barnes**, was named to the President's Honor Roll for the fall semesters at UT-Tyler. At TJC he was a dean's scholarship recipient from John Tyler High School.

**John W. Clark** was recently named vice president at First National Bank in Jacksonville. His primary function as vice president is chief installment consumer lender, supervising the installment lending department. He has attended the National Installment Lending School and National Commercial Lending School of the University of Oklahoma graduating with honors. He is recipient of the "American Bankers Association Achievement Award" in 1981, and in 1986 was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America.

**Karla Deal** is a deputy tax collector and lives in Quitman.

## Alumni News

**Ron Kellum** is a computer science major at UT-Austin. At TJC, he was a member of Harmony and Understanding and Madrigal Singers.

**Camille Lestage** is a dental assistant for Dr. Mike McAddo in Winnsboro.

### Deaths

**Hoby Britt Lee** of Colorado City died July 21, 1986 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Lee, '78, was a carpenter. Survivors include his parents.

**Robert "Bo" Harrison Gilmore**, 63, died Jan. 11 at his Tyler residence following a lengthy illness. Gilmore, '48, was employed by General Electric CAC 26 years and the Trane Dealers Product Model Shop for five years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife, three sons, a stepson, a stepdaughter, three daughters, four sisters, three grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

**Milbry Hearne "Mib" Shaw**, 75, died Jan. 13 in a Tyler hospital after a short illness. Shaw, '34, was a semi-retired independent oil man. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

**Winston Earl Davis**, 50, of Huntington, CN died Jan. 17 in Saudi Arabia of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Davis, '58, graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in engineering. He had been employed in export sales with KBK International of Englewood Cliffs, NJ and Avon Export Co. of Rockville Center, Long Island. He was a former employee of General Electric for 21 years in Bridgeport, CN. Survivors include his wife, three children, mother and one brother.

**Hazel Mildred Stone**, died Feb. 22 in a Fort Worth nursing home after a long illness. Stone, '31, was a retired elementary music teacher. She also taught private music lessons. She is survived by two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

**B.F. "Jack" Crook, Jr.**, 77, of Lindale died Feb. 27 after a long illness. The longtime business and civic leader was a partner in Crook Pharmacy for many years. Before his retirement, he served as

president and chief executive officer of the Lindale State Bank, was a member of the board of directors of the Fort Worth National Bank in Winnsboro, was past president of the Lindale Independent School District Board of Trustees. In 1987 he was named citizen of the year by the Lindale Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, two grandchildren and two sisters.

**Lois F. Whiteman**, 87, died in Tyler March 8 after a brief illness. The Southern Methodist University graduate worked in the Tyler school district until her retirement in 1968. She is survived by a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

**Elizabeth "Libba" Glenn Walters** died March 15 in Tyler after a long illness. At TJC, she was an original Apache Belle and a cheerleader. She is survived by her husband, a son, a daughter, one grandchild, two brothers and one sister.

**Richard M. Cooper**, 23, of Austin, died March 17 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He was in sales with the Washington National Insurance Company in Austin. He is survived by his wife, two sons, his parents and a brother and sister.

### Weddings

**Dolly Gay Barnes**, '84, and **Edgar Scott McMillan**, '85, of Tyler. They live in Garland where he is an engineer technician for the Texas Highway Department.

**Benjie Elaine Carpenter**, '87, and **Randy Leon Hawkins**, '87, of Winona. She attends UT-Tyler and is employed as a laboratory technician research assistant at UT-Tyler. He is employed as a building attendant by UT Health Center.

**Michael Glynn Hasten**, '88, and Deanne Prater of Whitehouse. He is employed by K-Mart in Tyler.

**Cindy King** of Edom and **Rip Cunningham**, '84, of Chandler. They live in Longview. She is a legal secretary at J.W. Tyner, P.A., and he is a reclamation manager at Cargill Drilling and Reclamation.

**Roger Larson**, '77, and Vonda Laird of

Tyler. He is a distribution clerk for the U.S. Postal Service, and she is assistant manager for Suzanne's Dress Shop.

**Lori Ann Lewis**, '84, of Las Colinas and Richard Hollis Green of Aurora, CO. They live in Aurora where he is operations manager for CECOS International of Denver.

**Angela C. Price**, '87, and **Eric A. Liptak**, '82, of Tyler. She is a legal assistant for Clark and Clark Attorneys at Law, and he is a senior patrolman for the Tyler Police Department. They both attend UT-Tyler.

**Linda Roberts** of Dallas and Richard Martin of Manhattan, KS. They live in Manhattan where he is a major in the U.S. Air Force.

**Staci Gay Saunders**, '87, and John Mark Houston of Frankston. She is employed as a postal worker.

**Jena Elizabeth Welch**, '87, of Tyler and **David Melton Anderson**, of Minot, ND. They live in Tyler where she is an administrative assistant for Holiday Inn, and he attends UT-Tyler and is a tennis teaching professional and part-time instructor at TJC.

**Jill Anne Wood**, '86, and **Jimmy Ray French**, '86, of Tyler. She is a dental assistant, and he is a territory manager for Duofast Corp.

**Susan Denise Cook** and Charles R. Zimmerman of Tyler. She attends the University of Texas at Tyler, and he is a design engineer for the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

**Robin Denise Clark** and **Ronald B. Stidham** of Tyler. Both are employed by TU Electric.

**Paula Kay Wyatt** of Chandler and Lance Keith Stephenson. They reside in Chandler where she is a hostess for Red Ackers Mr. Catfish, and he is an electrician.

**Tammy Gail Booher** of Bedford and **Olaf Brent Viken** of Euless. She is a dental assistant, and he is employed by Anixter Distribution of Carrollton. They reside in Euless.

**Estell Lopez** of Tyler and **Philip Marvin Demings** of Plano. She is employed at the Bank of Tyler, and he is employed as a teller at Bank of East Texas.

**Maribelle Roach** of Lindale and David B. Wilson of Tyler. She is office manager for the Musculoskeletal Center in Tyler. He is mapping and records director for the Smith County Tax Appraisal District located in Tyler.

**Buster Sartain** and Pam Bradshaw Herren of Tyler. He is vice president of Thompson and Associates, and she is director of the business office at Mother Frances Hospital.

**Sandra Marie Rohde** and **Michael Vance Baker** of Tyler. She attends UT-Tyler, and he is a route salesman for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of North Texas.

**Ben David Anthony** of Big Sandy and **Rebecca Jeanne Sissons** of Tyler. He is a medical technician, and she is a medical technologist.

**Shellie Rhenae Kinnett** and Thomas Allen McAllister Jr. of Tyler. She is a clerical assistant for Tyler Neurosurgical Associates, and he is a salesman for Ten Speed and Sport.

**Melissa Lynn Coleman** and **Gary Don Sanders** of Tyler. She is a secretary for Glenn Paul Hicks Jr., P.C., and he is a truck driver.

**Paula Beth Timms** and **Tony Barnette Stephens** of Tyler. She is a sales associate at Foley's, and he is self-employed. They reside in Terrell.

**Larry Keith Langston** of Bullard and **Melissa Ann Bailey** of Tyler. They are employed by Brookshire Grocery Company.

**Carla Crawford** and **Mark Lammert** of Longview. She is a dental hygienist and he is an engineer with Texas Eastern.

**Ellen Louise Coffee** and **Marty Wayne Carter** of Brownsboro. She is an optometric technician for Texas State Optical of Tyler, and he is employed at KGRI.

**Ginger Smith Bryan** and **Troy "Bobbie" Bell** of Tyler. She is the weather announcer with the morning crew and productions assistant at KNUE and he is assistant program director, music director and air personality at KNUE.

**Jon Conn Cecilia** of Hemphill and **Clifton Doss Petty** of Tyler. They reside in Houston where she is employed as a dental hygienist, and he is an instructor and Ph.D. candidate at the University of Houston.

## Spring musicals at 20

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are a hard working group that works well together, and we are blessed with their good voices. The kids will do all right. I think they will surprise us all." They didn't let her down.

Johnson says today's musicals are better than ever because students are more talented and experienced. Cast members come from TJC's award-winning speech and theatre program, the music program and the dance program, which began last year. Many students begin performing in musicals while in high school and others gain valuable stage experience as members of the Apache Belles, Apache Band and pop group Harmony and

Understanding.

"Performing is nothing new to them," said Johnson.

The musicals literally are working with a second generation of performers. Rogers and Jordan both had children in *The Music Man*. Rogers' daughter, Jennifer, played Little Amaryllis, and Jordan's daughter, Vandy, was Gracie Jones.

The stage in Wise Auditorium is quiet again. But when spring comes back around, the staccato of hammering, the shuffling of dance steps and echoes of music will again, just like it has for the past 20 years, fill the air. And, the tradition of song and dance will live on.



## A teacher to remember

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On the second day of his Fundamentals of Speech class, he met Toni Cassaday of Dallas. They were married the following August.

Comparing college students today with his peer group of 1969-71, Crawford said that "kids now at TJC are more open and honest about how they feel and what they think . . . Most of them have seen more of the world. And they speak more readily about it."

His favorite part of teaching is "seeing students gain or discover confidence within themselves. Drama students typically put their egos on the line. They are not afraid to try to find themselves, to take a risk." He said he could grow very comfortable with his situation now. He is doing what he loves, he is a husband and a father and he has a home.

But, like the students he teaches, he wants to push himself a little harder.

"I want to reach the pinnacle of publishing. I want my works produced at a higher level . . . Besides, I want to earn enough from my works to buy a word processor!" Crawford declared.

His writing credits include *Tangled Garden*, a full-length script written in

partial requirement of doctoral studies and presented at TJC; *McDono*, a one-act script receiving a regional certificate of merit at the American College Theatre Festival Region VIII, Fort Worth, and presented at Texas Tech; *Through the Eyes of Alice* and *Chilton*, two one-act scripts written from video presentation by TJC and the City of Tyler; *DOORS*, a full-length script produced by TJC, the Longview Theatre Project and the University of Mississippi; *Plumage*, a one-act script presented at the Provincetown Playhouse in New York City by the American Theatre Arts Project and winners of the second place in the Texas One-Act Playwriting Contest; and *Seedling*, a one-act script presented by East Texas Baptist University, North Shore High School in Houston, Alba-Golden High School and Winnsboro High School.

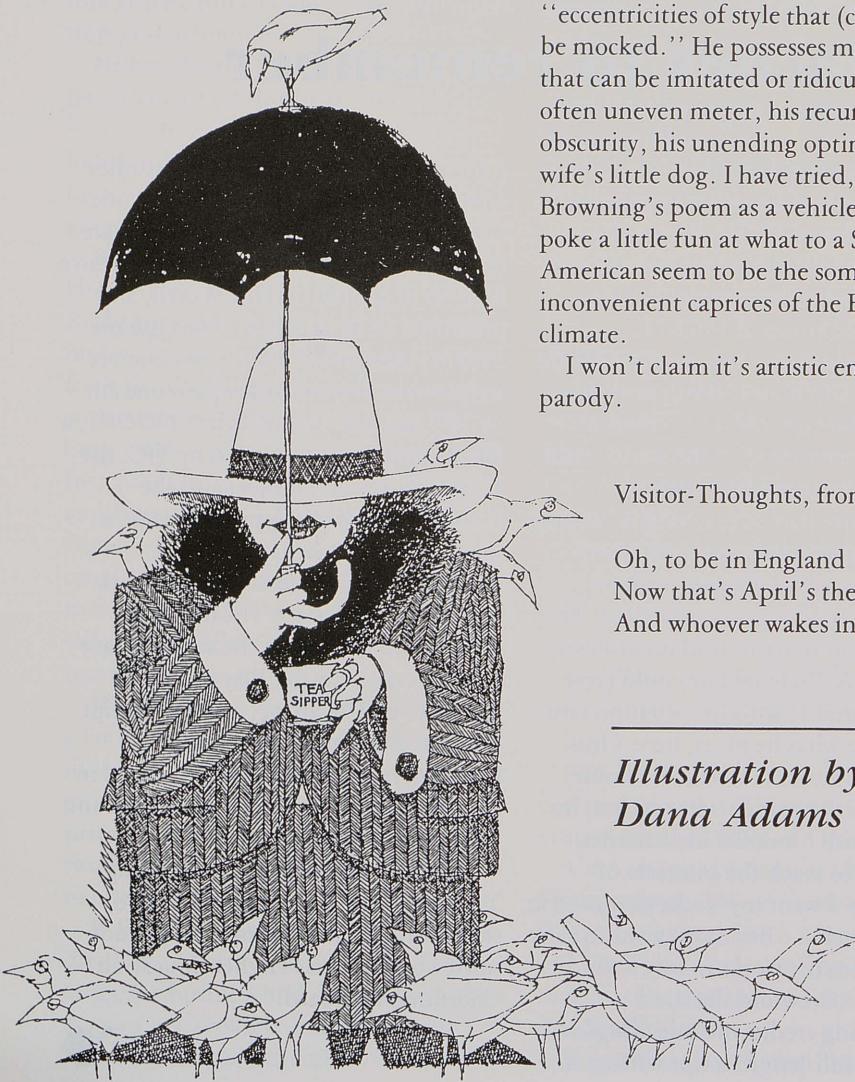
Crawford was named Outstanding Young Man of America in 1986 and served on the curriculum revision committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.



# Bantering with Browning

By Pat Logan

**R**obert Browning was the second most frequently parodied poet of the nineteenth century, Wordsworth being the first. So we are told by Dwight McDonald in his collection, *Parodies*, a charming anthology from Chaucer to Hemingway.



*Illustration by  
Dana Adams*

Parody, McDonald points out, is a higher form than its low-life cousins, travesty and burlesque. Travesty is primitive, aiming at laughs "from the belly rather than the head." Burlesque is ridicule slightly more advanced. Parody, from the Greek "a-beside-or-against-song," is at its best a form of literary criticism. McDonald writes, "If burlesque is pouring new wine into old bottles, parody is making new wine that tastes like the old but has a slightly lethal effect."

Examples of travesty and burlesque are *Mad* magazine and the English *Punch*.

Because I plan a trip to England later this spring, I am thinking of clothes and seasons and weather. Then I recalled Browning's poem which most persons know by its first two lines, "Oh, to be in England/Now that April's there." The title is *Home-Thoughts, from Abroad* and it is printed at the end of this article.

Browning has, as McDonald says, "eccentricities of style that (can) easily be mocked." He possesses many aspects that can be imitated or ridiculed: his often uneven meter, his recurrent obscurity, his unending optimism, his wife's little dog. I have tried, using Mr. Browning's poem as a vehicle, simply to poke a little fun at what to a Southern American seem to be the sometimes inconvenient caprices of the English climate.

I won't claim it's artistic enough to be parody.

*Visitor-Thoughts, from Texas*

Oh, to be in England  
Now that's April's there,  
And whoever wakes in England

Feels, some morning, quite aware,  
That the lovely sun and the balmy breeze  
Have turned by night to a bone-chill  
freeze,  
While rainlets descend on the  
soggy bough  
In England — now!

And after April, when May's bespoke  
The cool yet nips, and rains still soak.  
Quick, put my flannel undies in the bag  
And tweediest tweeds with fur so soft,  
Galoshes, mittens — a warmth of shag —  
That's the wise tourist: his brolly  
thrust aloft,  
Lest he should think the shower just past  
Could ever, ever be the last!  
Although these months seem cold, do  
not despair,  
For darling June will bring a gentler air  
And, should temps by chance at  
eighty stand,  
A blistering "heat wave" to this land!

*Home-Thoughts, from Abroad*

Oh, to be in England  
Now that April's there,  
And whoever wakes in England  
Sees, some morning, unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the  
brush-wood sheaf  
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,  
While the chaffinch sings on the  
orchard bough  
In England — now!

And after April, when May follows,  
And the whitethroat builds, and all  
the swallows!  
Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree in  
the hedge  
Leans to the field and scatters on  
the clover  
Blossoms and dewdrops — at the bent  
spray's edge —  
That's the wise thrush; he sings each  
song twice over,  
Lest you should think he never could  
recapture  
The first fine careless rapture!  
And though the fields look rough with  
hoary dew,  
And will be gay when noon tide  
wakes anew  
The buttercups, the little children's  
dower  
Far brighter than this gaudy  
melon-flower!

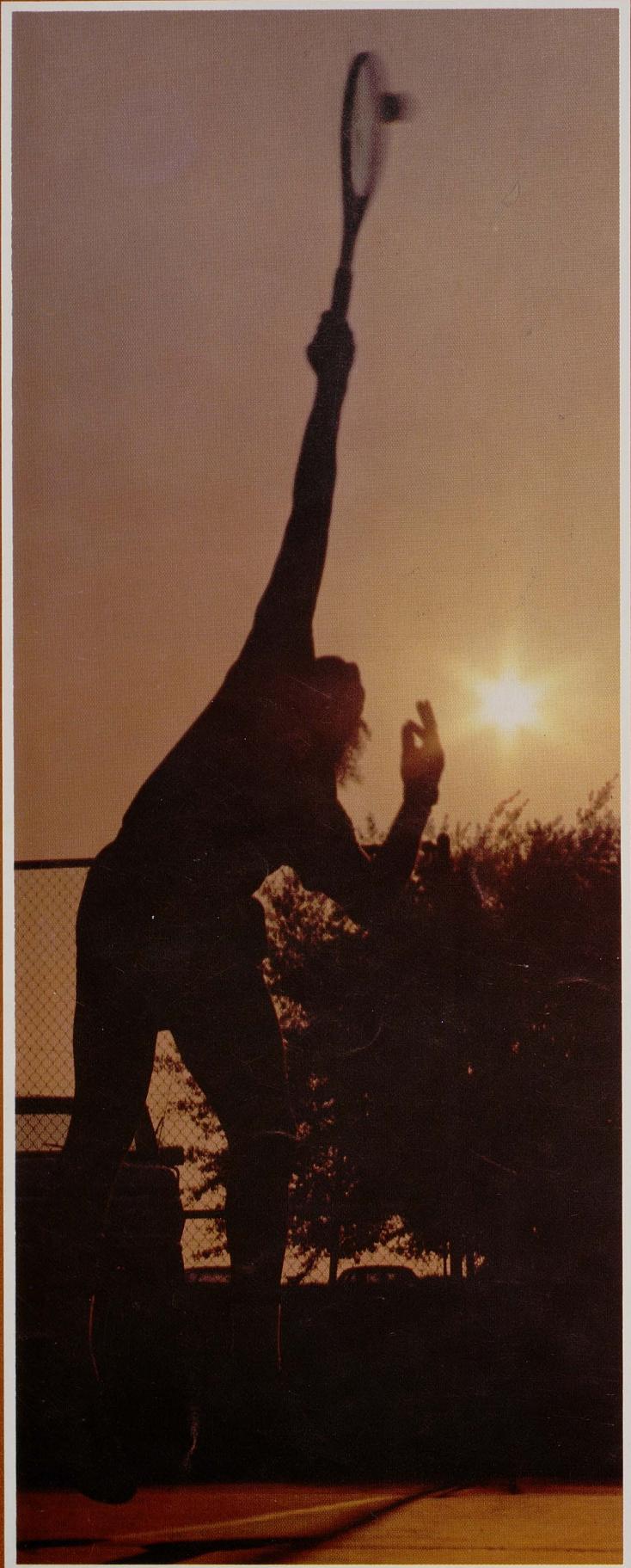
# calling back yesterday



**W**hen TJC Houston alumni braved freezing rain last February to get together for a party at the Grand Hotel, it was like opening a diary.

Over the background piano sound, and between bites of an abundant buffet, talk was lively and loud — just as it should be when old friends get together and let the memories spill out. All vied for time with Floyd Wagstaff, former basketball/football coach and Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president.

Houston hosts for the gala were Tony Kamel '51, Milfred Lewis '50, and Bob Phillips '74. And the hosts say, "Let's do it again next year!"



# Coming Events

**TJC**  
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**May 7**

Annual Music Program  
Spring Concert  
7:30 p.m.  
Wise Auditorium

**May 17**

Commencement  
7:30 p.m.  
Wagstaff Gymnasium

**May 23-27**

National Junior College  
Athletic Association Men's  
Tennis Tournament

**May 31**

Registration  
Summer Session I  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Gentry Gymnasium,  
Health and Physical  
Education Center

**June 14**

Freshman Orientation

**June 28**

Freshman Orientation

**July 11**

Registration  
Summer Session II  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Gentry Gymnasium,  
Health and Physical  
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